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HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 11

Full Council	9 am
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Tuesday, July 24

Parks	9 am
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Planning	10 ³⁰ am
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Executive Matters	1pm
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Wednesday, July 25

Budget	9am
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Public Works	1pm
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Thursday, July 26

Zoning and Housing	9 am
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Transportation	1 pm
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Public Health	2 ³⁰ pm
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JULY 2018 UPDATE**

Disaster Recovery Centers Open

Two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC), jointly operated by the state of Hawai'i and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), opened in June on O'ahu, and will remain open until the needs of flood victims have been met. The center is a one-stop shop for disaster assistance for homeowners, renters, businesses, and farmers/agricultural industry affected by the April 13 flooding, mudslides and landslides that took place in the City and County of Honolulu.

Applicants should have the following information at hand:

- Social Security number
- Address of the damaged primary residence
- Description of the damage
- Insurance information
- A current contact telephone number
- An address where they can receive mail
- Bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit of funds

Disaster assistance for homeowners and renters may include grants to help pay for:

- Temporary housing
- Essential home repairs
- Uninsured and underinsured personal property losses
- Other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

The DRC are open at the following locations:

- **'Āina Haina Elementary**
801 W. Hind Dr, Honolulu, HI
Service: FEMA registration/intake; SBA; State Agencies
From 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- **Keolu Elementary**
1416 Keolu Drive, Kailua, HI
Service: FEMA registration/intake; SBA; State Agencies
From 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Staffing the DRCs are representatives from FEMA, the state, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and local agencies. (Cont.)



Disaster Recovery Centers Open (Cont.)

Flood victims can also apply online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) or by phone at (800) 621-3362 or (TTY) (800) 462-7585. Applicants who use 711 or Video Relay Service may call (800) 621-3362. The toll-free numbers are open 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available for businesses of all sizes (including landlords), private non-profit organizations, homeowners and renters. Disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries. To apply for SBA low-interest disaster loans, applicants can visit their nearest disaster recovery center for one-on-one assistance or apply online using SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

FEMA grants do not have to be repaid. FEMA assistance is nontaxable and will not affect eligibility for Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

Registering with FEMA is required for federal aid, even if a survivor has registered with another disaster-relief organization, such as the American Red Cross.

Survivors should register even if they have insurance. FEMA cannot duplicate insurance payments, but underserved applicants may receive help after their claims have been settled.

In addition, applicants can get more information on SBA disaster assistance by calling SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955, by visiting www.sba.gov/disaster, or by emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing

may call (800) 877-8339.

Paper applications may be requested, and completed paper applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FEMA's mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency, economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call (800) 621-3362 or (800) 462-7585 (TTY/TDD).

The SBA is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover losses not fully compensated by insurance or other recoveries and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations. For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955, emailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov, or visiting SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals may call 800-877-8339 (TTY/TDD).

Kaelepulu Drive Conversion

Following the recent conversion of Kaelepulu Drive to one-way, beginning Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the City will be transitioning addresses between Aalapapa and Mokulua Drives to its manual refuse collection service. Due to equipment limitations, the City is unable to provide automated "3 cart" refuse collection service to residences on the left side of one way streets. In the City's manual collection service, there is no separate collection for recyclables. All refuse collected in the manual system is delivered to the City's waste-to-energy facility, H-POWER, where it's incinerated to generate renewable electricity for Oahu.

Some important things to know about your new service:

- Collection Containers- Please secure all your refuse in **plastic film bags and/or in 35-gallon containers** and place them in an accessible location fronting of your property the night before or by 6am the morning of your scheduled collection. The maximum weight of an empty container should be

25 pounds. The maximum weight of a filled container shall be 75 pounds. Every container holding any garbage shall have a tight fitting lid. Green waste should be bagged or bundled in lengths of three feet or less and not exceed one cubic yard.

- Collection Schedule - Your collection days will remain the same- Tuesday and Friday.

What's Next? When your gray cart is serviced on **Tuesday, July 10**, the City will remove it on that day following collection. Likewise, when your blue cart is serviced on **Friday, July 13**, and when your green cart is serviced **Friday, July 20**, they will both be removed following collection. Once your City carts are removed, please use the collection containers described above. Should you have any questions or to report problems, please call Kris Gourlay, City Refuse Collection Administrator, at 768-3407. General information is available at Opala.org or by calling 768-3200.

Kāneʻohe-Kailua Gravity Sewer Project Completed

Honolulu's largest wastewater system upgrade has been completed. The Kāneʻohe-Kailua Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment Facilities Project, mostly known for the Kāneʻohe-Kailua gravity sewer tunnel phase, includes an innovative three-mile-long underground gravity sewer tunnel, new pump station, headworks, generator building, odor control facilities, and tunnel influent facility.

The \$375 million project, the first of its kind in the State of Hawaiʻi which uses gravity rather than electricity to move wastewater to treatment, was completed within budget and will save sewer ratepayers money on energy costs while at the same time substantially reducing the likelihood of a sewage overflow during heavy rains on Oʻahu's windward side. This 13-foot diameter tunnel, 400 feet below the surface at certain points, has massive excess capacity, which should be sufficient to handle storm events. In addition, the pump station has state of the art redundancy to avoid problems should there be a failure of one of the pumps. The gravity tunnel slopes from a depth of approximately 39 feet below ground level at the Kāneʻohe Wastewater Pre-Treatment Facility (WWPTF) down toward the Kailua Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), ending approximately 77 feet below ground.

The Kāneʻohe-Kailua Wastewater Conveyance and Treatment Facilities Project prevents spills by increasing the region's wastewater system storage and is the most ambitious of the city's 424 projects designed to fulfill the 2010 Global Consent Decree with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the state Department of Health. In fact, the city has completed 100 percent of its consent decree projects ahead of this year's June 30 deadline.

Two years before the contract was awarded for the project, a community outreach program was launched to open lines of communication between affected residents, neighborhood groups, and the City and County of Honolulu so that questions and concerns could be shared and addressed during the design phase, as well as through construction. With input from the community, the city was able to revise the initial tunnel alignment to address concerns. To minimize concerns regarding construction noise and vibration, a noise and vibration monitoring program was instituted, a 24-hour hotline was made available, a sound wall was installed, and a project website was developed to provide the community access to regularly updated construction and project information. For more information about this project, visit www.kktunnel.org



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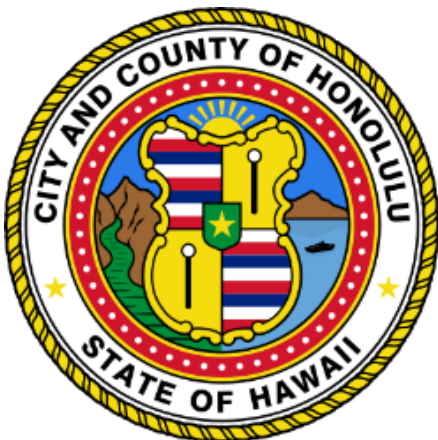
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Secure Parks Initiative

Following a successful pilot project to secure closed park facilities in Urban Honolulu, the initiative is being expanded to rural, country parks. This past April, Mayor Kirk Caldwell announced the three-month pilot project to secure certain park facilities during established closure hours. Under a contract of approximately \$26,000 with American Guard Services Inc., 25 city parks from the Kaiwi Coastline to 'Aiea had their comfort stations and/or parking lots secured on a nightly basis.

A similar contract is being worked on for numerous parks around the island, including Leeward, Central, Windward, and North Shore locations. The exact parks included in that contract, its cost, and the contract time period are still being finalized. The parameters of the contract is expected to be determined and implemented by this fall.

The Department of Parks and Recreation would like to remind the public that park gates will be secured on a nightly basis and will not be reopened to allow drivers to retrieve their vehicles. If a car is located inside of a parking lot at the time of a park closure, the driver may not be able to leave the parking lot until the park reopens. This practice also occurs at numerous campground locations island-wide.

In fiscal year 2018, the Department of Parks and Recreation spent over \$224,000 on in-house maintenance to address damage from vandalism. This does not include larger projects that required capital improvement funds to address the damage.

Honolulu Ranked #1

According to a just released ranking of the best cities in America by destination branding firm [Resonance Consultancy](#), Honolulu has been deemed the best small city in America. The small city category rates cities with populations between 200,000 to one million residents.

Honolulu's No. 1 ranking was calculated based several criteria, including crime rates, air quality, housing affordability, entertainment offerings, cultural diversity, and economic vitality.

"The city rules our Parks & Out-

door Activities subcategory, led by its powdery beaches, some of the best and safest ocean swimming in the state (often with sea turtles and dolphins!) and the option to head for the emerald Ko'olau Range before or after work," Resonance Consultancy said about Honolulu's No. 1 Ranking. "The parks, trails and beaches – almost all open to the public and accessible year round – rival most cities on the planet."

A complete list of the cities included in the Best Small City ranking can be found at the following link: <https://>